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SUBJECT: FOREIGN OFFICE BRIEFING ON JANUARY 25-26  
EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING: CSCE

1. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE APPROVED FOREIGN MINISTER CROSLAND'S TEXT ON THE NINE'S APPROACH TO BELGRADE. THAT SPEECH WILL BE GIVEN BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE TODAY.
  2. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS FORWARDED A REPORT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WHO WILL MEET HERE NEXT WEEK, ON THE STATE OF EC PREPARATIONS FOR THE REVIEW CONFERENCE.
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THERE WAS A LENGTHY ARGUMENT ABOUT WHETHER THAT REPORT TO MINISTERS SHOULD CONTAIN A REFERENCE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING CLOSELY WITH NATO AS COMMUNITY POSITIONS EVOLVE. AFTER A GREAT DEAL OF THEOLOGICAL ARGUMENT -- WITH THE FRENCH AGAINST MOST OF THE REST -- A SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE ALLIANCE WAS INCLUDED. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS NEXT WEEK WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED

ON THE EXPERTS' WORK ON BASKET II, INCLUDING THE  
BREZHNEV PROPOSALS, WHICH IS BEING HANDLED IN BRUSSELS.

3. THE DUTCH PAPER ON DETENTE WAS APPROVED BY THE  
POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT NATO  
SHORTLY.

4. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS ALSO WERE GIVEN AN EXPERTS'  
PAPER ON THE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION REQUIRED AT  
BELGRADE. HOWEVER, NOBODY HAD TIME TO READ IT AND  
DISCUSSION ON THIS MATTER WAS DEFERRED UNTIL THE NEXT  
MEETING. FINALLY, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS ASKED THE  
CSCE EXPERTS TO PREPARE TWO ADDITIONAL PAPERS. ONE WILL  
SPECIFICALLY DISCUSS HOW TO CONDUCT AT BELGRADE THE  
EXAMINATION OF IMPLEMENTATION, AND WHAT NEW PROPOSALS,  
IF ANY, THE WEST SHOULD PUT FORWARD. THE SECOND WILL  
ANALYZE THE OBJECTIVES AND TACTICS THE SOVIET UNION AND  
EASTERN EUROPE WILL PURSUE AT THE CONFERENCE, WITH A  
SPECIAL EXAMINATION OF THE PARTICULARITIES OF THE  
ROMANIAN POSITION.

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